

15. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the delay determining means measures a delay of the packets based on the number of packets present in a buffer with a reference value REF.

16. (Previously Presented) The arrangement according to claim 1, wherein the presenting means varies the presentation speed within 240% without substantially changing the intonation of an audio signal component of the multimedia signal.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, further including the step of adapting the reference value in dependence on the variations of the difference value.

18. (Currently Amended) An arrangement station for reproducing a multimedia signal, the arrangement comprising:

a processor configured to present the multimedia signal to a user; determine a packet delay representing the arrival delay of packets from a packet switched network carrying the multimedia signal, and determine a difference value between the packet delay and a reference value, and adjust the presenting speed in dependence on the difference value.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,809,454). Claims 1, 9 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-18 are in the application.

On the merits, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 1 is directed to an arrangement station for reproducing a multimedia signal, the arrangement comprising: presenting means for presenting the multimedia signal to a user; delay determining means for determining packet delay

representing the arrival delay of packets from a packet switched network carrying the multimedia signal, and wherein the presenting means includes a comparison means for determining a difference value between the packet delay and a reference value, and an adjusting means for adjusting the presenting speed in dependence on the difference value.

Okada fails to teach, show or imply a delay determining means for determining packet delay representing the arrival delay of packets from a packet switched network carrying the multimedia signal, and wherein the presenting means includes a comparison means for determining a difference value between the packet delay and a reference value, and an adjusting means for adjusting the presenting speed in dependence on the difference value, as specifically recited in amended claim 1. Independent claims 9 and 18 recites similar limitations.

Although, Okada determines a time delay for the voice speed conversion processor 4 to perform signal processing, see col. 11, lines 19-34, this is not a packet delay. The Office Action again indicates this limitation is shown in Okada in col. 7 lines 34-50, Applicants again respectfully disagree. In this section, Okada shows that the audio signal is edited by deleting/inserting circuit in the voice speed converter. The delay calculated between an audio frame and a video frame during rendering is not a packet delay from a packet switched network. For example, Okada teaches that an MPEG system stream is read from a recording medium 21 and is demultiplexed using AV parser 11, into an MPEG video stream and an MPEG audio stream, see col. 6, lines 15-22. These two streams are then processed via the Okada system to synchronize output using the calculated processing delay, see col. 11, lines 35-50, not packet delay.

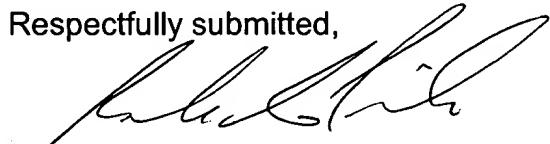
Accordingly, at least for these reasons, independent Claims 1, 9 and 18 are believed to be patentable over the cited art.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim

discussed above and are, therefore, believed allowable and patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for the same reasons.

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicants respectfully request, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,


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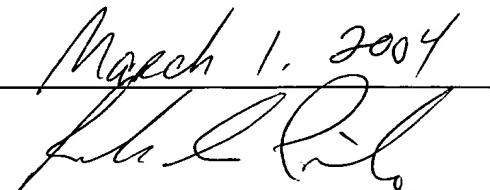
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